THE

Loſt and Found Office.

ONE *Certain, Central Place,* is now opened in

CHANCERY-LANE, the NEXT HOUSE to HOLBORN;

WHERE

Every unfortunate *Loſer*, and every honeſt and generous *Finder* (" by doing as they would be done by") may, in LONDON, and its Environs, immediately recover, or reſtore, *every Kind of* PROPERTY loſt or found.

THE general and real *Utility* of this Office, however ſimple and new, will be obvious from a few Obſervations, fairly and plainly ſtated, and ſubmitted to the common Senſe of the Public; whoſe Approbation on evident and certain Principles, can alone give Stability to the Plan.

I. The *Loſer* and *Finder* are the only Perſons intereſted, and who want to know each other; and the Entries at this Office will be *inſtant and continued Advertiſements* to both Loſer and Finder.

II. Things of ſmall value are frequently given up as irrecoverably loſt, becauſe not thought worth, or only equal to the expence of advertiſing; and which in the numerous Papers, beſides being very expenſive, is often attended with many days Delay.

III. The Delicacy of many perſons, who do not chooſe publickly to expoſe their loſs, often prevents their Advertiſing.

IV. *Loſt* and *Found* CHILDREN, from Humanity, will IMMEDIATELY be entered at this Office; and the exquiſite Feelings and Uneaſineſs of *Parents*, *Relations*, and *Friends*, quickly relieved.

V. SERVANTS, PORTERS, &c. will for a trifle probably be ſoon relieved from their Anxiety and Diſtreſs, by immediately obtaining their own, or their employers loſt Property.

VI. *Pocket* and *Memorandum Books*, *Papers*, *Keys*, and numberleſs Items, of *real Value to* the *Loſers only*, may be regained.

VII. *Strayed Horſes*, *Cattle*, *Dogs*, &c. with every Species of Property loſt or miſlaid for ſome Time paſt, as well as in future, may eaſily be recovered.

VIII. FRIENDS, at a Loſs to know where each other are to be met with, on entering their names and Places of Abode, will be inſtantly directed to each other.

IX. Entries are made at this Office at a ſmall expence to the Loſers; from *Sixpence* to *Two Shillings and Sixpence*, according to the Value of the Property, and Circumſtances of the Caſe; by which the Expence of REPEATED Advertiſements will be ſaved.

X. To encourage finders, *Nothing will be required for* making Entries of THINGS FOUND and they will be informed at the Office *what reward* the owners have offered.

XI. Property, ſuch as *Swords*, *Canes*, *Watches*, &c. &c. left in Hackney Coaches, or elſewhere, on being inſtantly entered, will manifeſt the honeſty of the Finder, and induce the loſer to give ſuitable rewards. And there can be no Doubt but the number of honeſt and generous Finders muſt be encreaſed, as they, *now*, can have no Excuſe for refuſing or avoiding to give Information, *at a certain Place*, *without* any *Expence*, and which can be *done by Letter*.

XII. *Perſons preſent* at finding Property, are requeſted to give the beſt Information they can of the *Things* and *Finder* to the Office.

XIII. On the Finder's giving Intelligence,—if the Loſer has entered his loſs; or on the Loſer's applying—if the Finder has entered the Property, Information will be immediately given from the Office by Letter, or Meſſenger, as requeſted.

XIV. To accommodate and make it quite convenient to Perſons at a diſtance, *Letters*, Poſt paid, directed to—"THE LOST AND FOUND OFFICE, CHANCERY LANE, THE NEXT HOUSE TO HOLBORN," and giving full information, will be duly entered, and properly attended to.

XV. The Property may, or may not, be left at the Office at Pleaſure; but if left the fulleſt ſatisfaction will be given of its being *reſtored* to the *Owner*, or *returned* to the *Finder*.

THIS SCHEME the Propoſer has thought of for ſeveral Years, and now truſts to the Public, (as being generally beneficial) for an Eſtabliſhment and as the means of giving Support to the ſeveral Perſons he employs: And indeed, he can have no Doubt but that the *Reaſonableneſs*, *Expedition*, and *Utility* of this SINGLE *Office* muſt be evident to all, *(for every one may be a Loſer and Finder)* and being founded upon Equity, Juſtice, Honour, and Generoſity, is plainly, not *calculated* for STOLEN GOODS, for which proper Remedies are open.

And as the Exiſtence of this Office will, in a great Meaſure, depend upon the ſtricteſt Honour, Secrecy, and Prudence, in aſcertaining who are the *true Owners* of loſt Property, the utmoſt endeavours will be uſed to give the fulleſt Satisfaction by employing Perſons in it, who may be confided in.

N. B. *Conſtant Attendance*, *Meſſengers*, and a *Box in the Door* to receive Letters in the Night.

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